

Census and the National Archives held a hearing entitled “Drug Shortage Crisis: Lives are in the Balance.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### STIMULUS OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing entitled “Stimulus Oversight: An Update on Accountability, Transparency, and Performance.” Testimony was heard from Frank Rusco, Director, Natural Resources and Environment Team, Government Accountability Office; Michael Wood, Executive Director, Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board; Gregory Friedman, Inspector General, Department of Energy; Todd Zinser, Inspector General, Department of Commerce; Allison Lerner, Inspector General, National Science Foundation; and Gail Robinson, Deputy Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

### FOSTERING QUALITY SCIENCE AT EPA

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing entitled “Fostering Quality Science at EPA: Perspectives on Common Sense Reform.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### DISASTER ASSISTANCE

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Disaster Assistance: Is SBA Meeting the Recovery Needs of Disaster Victims?” Testimony was heard from James Rivera, Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Assistance, Small Business Administration; and William Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office.

### MISSOURI RIVER FLOOD

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “The Missouri River Flood: An Assessment of River Management in 2011 and Operational Plans for the Future.” Testimony was heard from Rep. Noem; Rep. Hartzler; Rep. Luetkemeyer; Rep. King of Iowa; Rep. Cleaver; Rep. Berg; Rep. Fortenberry; Rep. Jenkins; Rep. Latham; Brigadier General John McMahon, Commander and Division Engineer, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Northwestern Division; Brad Lawrence, Director of Public Works, City of Fort Pierre, South Dakota; Kathy Kunkel, County Clerk Holt County, Missouri; and public witnesses.

### SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS CERTIFICATION PROCESS

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; and Subcommittee on Eco-

nomics Opportunity held a joint hearing on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Certification Process. Testimony was heard from Thomas J. Leney, Executive Director, Small and Veteran Business Programs, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Department of Veterans Affairs; Gregory D. Kutz, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office; and Ralph O. White, Managing Associate General Counsel for Procurement Law, Office of General Counsel, Government Accountability Office.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1268)

H.R. 3321, to facilitate the hosting in the United States of the 34th America's Cup by authorizing certain eligible vessels to participate in activities related to the competition. Signed on November 29, 2011. (Public Law 112–61)

S. 1637, to clarify appeal time limits in civil actions to which United States officers or employees are parties. Signed on November 29, 2011. (Public Law 112–62)

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine continuing oversight of the “Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act”, 10 a.m., SD–106.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine spurring job growth through capital formation while protecting investors, 10 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine United States strategic objectives towards Iran, 10 a.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine the financial and societal costs of medicating America's foster children, 10:30 a.m., SD–342.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine insider trading and congressional accountability, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs*: to hold an oversight hearing to examine deficit reduction and job creation, focusing on regulatory reform in Indian country, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: business meeting to consider S. 1792, to clarify the authority of the United States Marshals Service to assist other Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies in the investigation of cases involving sex offenders and missing children, S. 671, to authorize the United States Marshals Service to issue administrative subpoenas in investigations relating to unregistered sex offenders, S. 1886, to prevent trafficking in counterfeit drugs, S. 678, to increase the penalties for economic espionage, and the nominations of Jacqueline H. Nguyen, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Gregg Jeffrey Costa, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, David Campos Guaderrama, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, and Kathryn Keneally, of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

### House

*Committee on Agriculture*, Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, and Credit, hearing to review updates on USDA Inspector General audits, including SNAP fraud detection efforts and IT compliance, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, markup of the “Jumpstarting Opportunity with Broadband Spectrum (JOBS) Act of 2011.” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Perspectives on the Health of the FHA Single-family Insurance Fund.” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Housing Finance Agency.” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Democracy Held Hostage in Nicaragua: Part I.” 10:05 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 2572, the “Clean Up Government Act of 2011;” and H.R. 1433, the “Private Property Rights Protection Act of 2011.” 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Full Committee, hearing on the following: H.R. 594, the “Coastal Jobs Creation Act of 2011;” H.R. 1013, the “Strengthen Fisheries Management in New England Act of 2011;” H.R. 1646, the “American Angler Preservation Act;” H.R. 2304, the “Fishery Science Improvement Act of 2011;” H.R. 2610, the “Asset Forfeiture Fund Reform and Distribution Act of 2011;” H.R. 2753, the “Fishery Management Transparency and Accountability Act;” H.R. 2772, the “Saving Fishing Jobs Act of 2011;” and H.R. 3061, the “Flexibility and Access in Rebuilding American Fisheries Act of 2011.” 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “HHS and the Catholic Church: Examining the Politicization of Grants.” 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Rules*, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 10, the “Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act of 2011.” 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Full Committee, markup of H.R. 3479, the Natural Hazards Risk Reduction Act of 2011, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Healthcare and Technology, hearing entitled “Cyber Security: Protecting Your Small Business.” 1 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “Protecting U.S. Sovereignty: Coast Guard Operations in the Arctic.” 11 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Full Committee, markup of the “Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act of 2011.” 3 p.m., HVC-304.